

# Streamline

## MARYLAND SWIMMING'S OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER 2016 OLYMPIC EDITION



### A NOTE FROM THE OFFICIALS CHAIR:



How about TEAM USA?! I hope that you all are enjoying the amazing swims from our Olympians in RIO. A BIG THANK YOU to our entire officials crew for a great Long Course season. We went out with quite a bang last week as we had officials on deck at the Maryland Long Course Champs, Futures meets across the country as well as the US Open in Minneapolis. I am inspired by the level of commitment that you each make to the sport. It all starts with recruiting a friend to join you on deck for the best seat in the house... the pool deck. Please make sure that you take some time to discuss officiating with the new parent that you meet at practice, the experienced volunteer that is looking for another way to contribute, or some of those veterans who have never given officiating a try. It's all about spreading the enthusiasm to volunteer for the Funnest sport there is!

There is great news from the training and certification world. The officials committee met last season and decided to implement the recertification exams for your highest level certification. **For those officials that met the requirement to have their recertification exams completed by Aug 1, there will be no clinic requirement for the 2016-2017 season. If you did not complete the recertification exams, attendance at a clinic for the 2016-2017 year will be required to remain certified as a Maryland Official.** We are moving to require clinics and recertification exams on alternating years. This means that those that completed the recertification exams this year will have a clinic required in 2017-2018 and the recertification exam for your highest level certification in 2018-2019. We felt that the recertification exams are a great tool and refresher that allowed more flexibility as you can take them at home at your leisure. Our certification/recertification matrix is currently being revised to reflect these new changes and will be posted on the mdswim website soon.

*Peter LaGow*, Maryland Swimming Officials Chair

**REMINDER:** Upcoming Referee Conference Calls are scheduled for the following dates: 10/19/16



## celebrations:

### CONGRATULATIONS to...

#### New Stroke and Turn

Dave Smith (NAAC)  
 Gero Verheyen (MSC)  
 Bryan Knauer (SPRC)  
 Mike Mehls (CAC)  
 Sandra Wittholz (CAA)  
 Susan Vieson (NAAC)  
 Lori Smith (NBAC)

#### New CJ

Mollie Howerton (MSC)  
 Marla Schmidt (HFY)

#### New Starter

Brooke Edwards (CAA)  
 Marla Schmidt (HFY)

#### New AO

Amy Mattienie (NBAC)  
 Marci Benda (NBAC)  
 Karen Boyle (NBAC)



## MSI OFFICIALS CLINIC 2016:

Our officials clinic will be **September 17, 2016** 8:00am-Noon. Location is the JCC in Owings Mills- 3506 Gwynnbrook Ave, Owings Mills, MD 21117

The Clinic will be for NEW Stroke and Turn or AO officials and those current officials looking to advance to CJ, Starter or Referee. Please read Peter's message for updates to the clinic requirements for this year's recertification. We hope to see you there!



## FROM THE DECK:





## BEHIND THE SCENES AT OLYMPIC TRIALS:





Send all photographs to Betsy Coe @ [01ANDERCOE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:01ANDERCOE@GMAIL.COM) or Linda Sue Lottes @ [LSMDSWIM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LSMDSWIM@GMAIL.COM)



## RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Have you ever been on deck when a call was made or a special circumstance was encountered where you were confused about or you disagreed with the decision of the deck or meet referee? These type of circumstances are worth finding out the answer. We all want consistency from meet-to-meet. However, it may appear that these situations are being handled in a different manner. So, what can you do about this? These type of situations are not taken lightly and do require conversation with and between several officials and sometimes coaches, before a final decision is rendered. Our referees are encouraged to consult with the different committee chairs or with other senior officials that may be working at the meet. Sharing the process that was used to resolve the issue after the session or during a briefing does afford you a learning opportunity. Your comments, questions and suggestions also give a much broader perspective to be considered. What you have to say does make a difference. The referees do want your feedback and your ideas may add further clarification of the item under discussion. You can also send your questions or concerns to the Rules and Regulations Committee. We promise to promptly investigate your inquiry and provide you with the best explanation possible.

Steve Lottes

Rules & Regs Chair.

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## YOU MAKE THE CALL:

In the 400-meter individual medley, the swimmer touches the wall at the end of the breaststroke leg with two hands simultaneously then does a flip turn before pushing off to start the freestyle leg. Is this legal?



## UPCOMING meets:

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### Meet

Naval Academy Open Water Fall Splash  
Columbus Day Classic  
Peak All Freestyle meet  
ASC All Freestyle Meet  
CBAC Fall Warm Up  
CAA Early Season Mini and Mid-Distance Meet  
NBAC Fall Festival  
Rock Rock and Roll Meet  
NBAC Fall Warm Up

### Meet Referee

Bill Dougherty  
Linda Sue Lottes  
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Adam Scott  
Teresa Emig  
Tim Waire  
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Betsy Coe

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MAC Vache' Fall Frenzy Meet

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MSC Go the Distance Meet

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GBSA Thanksgiving Meet

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ACA Harvest Festival Meet

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NBAC Christmas Meet

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NBAC Holiday Meet

Betsy Coe

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Retriever Classic

Linda Sue Lottes

[Link to officiate](#)

NAAC Chidester Memorial Meet

Dipper Wettstein

[Link to officiate](#)

## YOU MAKE THE CALL (ANSWER):

Recommended Resolution: Yes it is. As long as the swimmer made a legal touch, they can turn in any manner desired before stating the next leg.

Applicable Rules: 101.2.4, 101.6.3B(3)



## TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

**NEW CLINIC AND RECERTIFICATION TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR 2016 AND BEYOND.** Officials will alternate a clinic requirement with a recertification exam at their highest certification level starting in this season. Those officials who had completed their recertification exams prior to Aug 1, 2016 are exempt from a clinic requirement during the 2016-2017 season. Recertification requirements will include previously approved session and meet attendance requirements and alternating clinic or recertification exams every other year. Please look to the recertifications matrix located on the mdswim website for specifics relating to your certification level.

NEW training videos online! Click [HERE](#)

Upcoming Clinics [HERE](#) (Left side of the Maryland officials page)



## NEED SOME NEW OFFICIATING CLOTHES?

Uniform Order Portal is now closed. It will reopen in September 2016



## NEED A NEW NAME BADGE?

Click [HERE](#) to order a new name badge. (The left logo is for to order a blue tag, the right logo is for the red. View the name tag, then follow the process for ordering your own name tag. The first step is the "Begin order"

